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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the Office Action mailed on December 1, 2008, wherein the Examiner:

- 1. Rejected Claims 1-9 and 15-20 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Pickhard, PCT Pat. App. Pub. No. WO 01/07104 A1, in view of van der Wal, U.S. Pat. No. 5,273,544, in further view of Curie et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,378,240.
- 2. Rejected Claim 10 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Pickhard, PCT Pat. App. Pub. No. WO 01/07104 A1, in view of van der Wal, U.S. Pat. No. 5,273,544, in further

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3. Rejected Claims 11-14 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Pickhard, PCT Pat. App. Pub. No. WO 01/07104 A1, in view of van der Wal, U.S. Pat. No. 5,273,544, in further view of Curie et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,378,240, in further view of Botich et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,788,677.

The following remarks are submitted in response.

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